

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

April 19, 2018

Chairman Fuchtman called the April 19, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 11:01 am. Chairman Fuchtman stated prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the Board and announced to the public present that a copy of the Open Meeting Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room, Hartington NE.

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Planning Committee met in conjunction with the board meeting to allow all directors to attend and offer input. (Those present were Jack Fuchtman, Gary Howey, Marcel Kramer and Curtis Armstrong). Items discussed were: Corps of Discovery Welcome Center finances, addition of another employee, meridian trail, tree issues, Bazile Groundwater Management Area, Community Assistance and Nebr WILD programs, Chalkrock Wildlife Management Area, and the need to update rules and regulations. A copy of the report from the meeting is attached to file copy of minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda additions were distributed and changes were noted. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 board meeting and the April consent agenda which includes the treasurer's report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman Kramer, Johnson, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

NRCS REPORT

Tyler Specht, NRCS DC reported employee performance reviews were conducted this month and Specht stated Program Assistants continue to do a great job. Specht also reported on EQIP local work group meeting, EQIP funding allocations and office workload. Specht also reported on hiring of Ariel Grebert as a soil conservationist in Cedar and Knox County's utilizing NACD TA grant awarded to Lewis & Clark NRD. (Tim Gragert enters the meeting)

DISTRICT 40 CANDIDATE

Tim Gragert addressed the board in reference to running for District 40 Representative to the Nebraska Unicameral. Gragert stated he believes every government entity should be audited and held accountable, his passion is water quality. He is concerned about rural schools and property taxes and his top priority is representing District 40 constituents. (Gragert leaves the meeting)

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chairman Marcel Kramer reviewed with the board items discussed earlier in the meeting. The committee discussed the status of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center and building repairs paid by the NRD this fiscal year and the CDWC need for increased operating funds. Gary Howey offered to go with the Center Director and solicit financial support for the Center. The Rural Water bookkeeper is working to learn the monthly procedures and the accounting program for the rural water. Manager has asked the committee to consider hiring someone to handle the other aspects of the rural water position and start cross training for both NRD and RWP responsibilities as well as acre certification. The committee also discussed ways to achieve a quality trail surface for the Meridian

Trail as its present condition is poor. The office is needing to update their IT support, presently Papio Missouri NRD staff is utilized but would like to see what other options are available. Rick Noecker had tree loss from last year. Bazile Groundwater Management Area funding was discussed as well as long term plans. NRD cost share and NRD Habitat Program were discussed and application received from Keith Goeden. Chalkrock management agreement with Game and Parks Commission is needing to be renewed and committee also discussed payments being made to landowners on Chalkrock by Game and Parks and Lewis and Clark NRD. Five Community Assistance applications were reviewed and a sixth one had been submitted but necessary supplemental information was not received.

After discussion, it was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Steffen to approve the committee report and each of the following recommendations:

- Corps of Discovery Welcome Center will receive \$2500 for operation, \$1000 for event planning and \$1000 to be set aside for maintenance of the facility for FY19. The board will evaluate operations at the end of the year. (management will contact Dept. of Transportation on procedure if Center would close)
- Approve hiring an employee to work a 50/50 position with rural water and NRD to start as soon as possible.
- Meridian trail resurface needed and manager will solicit prices from asphalt company in Yankton.
- Approved replacement of Rick Noecker's evergreens at no cost to replace those that didn't survive from last year's planting due to high percentage of loss.
- Approved reducing deep soil cost share in Lewis & Clark NRD Bazile Groundwater Management Area from 75% to 50% starting in FY 2019
- Approved 5 year Wild Nebraska contract for Keith Goeden for 26 acres grassland at \$52 per acre with required interseeding of 15 acres for improved habitat.
- Approved requests for Community Assistance for trees, shrubs or grass plantings for Ponca, \$718, Crofton \$710; Creighton \$210, St. Johns Cemetery, Fordyce, \$1500, Cedar County Museum, Hartington, \$450.
- Authorized change of NRD office hours effective May 1st to 8 am to 4:30 pm with the exception of the First Thursday of the month when the office will stay open until 5 pm to allow for submission of permit applications until rules and regulations are changed. The office will remain open over the noon hour

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman Kramer, Johnson, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

WASHINGTON DC REPORT

DC Report and Directors Activities was moved up on the agenda due to Director Steffen needing to leave early. Kramer, Steffen and Weinandt reported on meeting with Nebraska Delegation and individual meetings held with Senators Sasse and Fischer and Congressman Smith.

DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES

Jeff Steffen reported Natural Resources Commission Water Sustainability Fund committee will be finalizing rules. \$3.4 million will be taken out of next appropriation. Steffen reported that the Lincoln Journal had a story on Water Sustainability Fund providing grant funds for installation of horizontal wells. Steffen reported on meeting with Peer Group for Cover Crops and Soil Health Movement in Northeast Nebraska. (Steffen leaves the meeting)

Marcel Kramer reported Larry Reynolds was appointed President of the Nebraska Association of Resources District Board of Directors. Kramer reported on upcoming events including the NRD Basin tour June 11 and 12

The Northeast Nebraska RC&D is looking to combine with Prairieland RC&D (Madison County). The 25 year RC&D celebration is being planned and the Heritage Museum Passport Program will begin May 5th. (Report copy attached to file copy of minutes)

Manager Sudbeck reported the Wau Col Rural Water Project appointed Jennifer Backhaus, new committee member representing McClean and they may have figured out the leak in McLean area and appears to be unmetered use.

Carolyn Heine reported on the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition meeting held earlier this month. Nebraska Water Science Center Hydrologist did a study on possibility of using the Lake sediment for fracking, but study showed grain size was too small for the oil industry. MSAC estimates it will be another 150 years before the sediment will fill Lewis & Clark Lake.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager Sudbeck reviewed resolution received for the Meridian Trail. The board reviewed the resolution and it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve resolution to adopt the Supplemental Agreement to the original "Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement" with Stockwell Engineering for the Meridian Trail and authorize manager to sign agreement. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Weinandt, Fuchtman. Nay: Heine, Hoelsing, Abstain: None. Absent, Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. (Motion carried (6-2-0-3)

Joslynn VanDerslice reviewed results from the Director's voting on the Patefield Green Scholarship Program. The board reviewed the results, and it was moved by Hoelsing, Seconded by Howey to award two \$1000 Patefield Green Scholarships to Carin Mellick, Ponca High School and Justin Lange, Wynot Public School. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman Kramer, Johnson, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3). VanDerslice reported work continues on the new web site, Arbor Day trees, National Ag Day presentation, and information and education meeting in Columbus.

Myles Lammers reviewed permit applications received including well permits for Sea View Investments, Quest Inc., Expanded acre requests from Gayle Becker, Sea View Investments, Quest Inc and Matt Kathol. After review of the requests, it was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Johnson to approve:

- Gayle Becker Expanded Acres Permit X18008 for 108 acres in N ½ SE, SENW and NESW Section 16-T31N-R1E (Pooling agreement P001 must be received as a condition of approval as Becker doesn't own this ground)

- Sea View Investments Well Permits LC209 and LC201 located in SWSW Section 27-T32N-R4W, Expanded Acre Permit X18009 for 418.47 acres located in Section NW, NW, SW & W1/2 SE Section 27-T32N-T4W and Flow Meter Cost Share FMLC209
- Quest Inc Well Permits LC211 and LC 212 located in NWSW Section 2-T30N-R3E, Expanded Acres Permit X18010 for 135 acres in SW Section 2-T30N-R3E and Flow Meter Cost Share FMLC211
- Matt Kathol Expanded Acre Permit X18011 for 42 acres in NESE Section 24-T31N-R1W (Pooling Agreement P002 must be received as a condition of this approval as Kathol doesn't own the ground)

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman Kramer, Johnson, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Myles Lammers reported on upcoming tree planting, pumping monitoring wells and chemigation

Manager Sudbeck reviewed Phil Steinkamp's report on Bazile Management Area and CDWC Annual report. Manager Sudbeck provided information on lawsuit filed by Jordan against Sage on land NRD has easement located near the access to Tank #1 in Knox County.

RURAL WATER REPORT

Director Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on April 12 and the following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses for April as presented.
3. Recommend Kaitlyn Fischer as the recipient of the 2018 Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.
4. Approve the Bartlett and West Engineering contract for \$21,750 to provide Distribution System Engineering with suggested revisions to be made by staff.

Director Weinandt and Manager Johnson also discussed DC-NARD Legislative Conference and meetings with Nebraska Delegation, Interviews will be conducted to fill Lawrence Zavadil's position on the Advisory Committee, Tank #3 leak repaired by Great Plains Structures LLC, cathodic protection isn't working as it should and tank inspection planned for fall, NPDES Permit renewal being completed for submission to NDEQ and Scott Fiedler's first day was April 2nd. Manager Johnson discussed repairs needed for Tank #3 and bids for Chlorine Dioxide for Zebra Mussel control. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Heine to approve the rural water report and recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman Kramer, Johnson, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Directors Schmidt and Christensen had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. Next meeting will be May 17 at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Armstrong, Curtis
Fuchtman, Jack

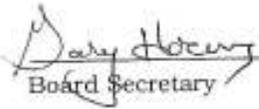
GUESTS PRESENT

Tyler Specht, NRCS
Tim Gragert

Heine, Carolyn
Hoesing, Leroy
Howey, Gary
Johnson, Chris
Kramer, Marcel
Steffen, Jeff
Weinandt, Matt

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Joslynn VanDerslice, Res Tech
Myles Lammers, Res Tech
Terry Johnson, CKRWP
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.

I, the undersigned Secretary for the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on April 19, 2018 and that all of the subject included in the foregoing proceeding were contained in the agenda for at least twenty four hours prior to said meeting; the minutes of the Chairman and Board of Directors of said district were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed at said meeting.


Board Secretary

